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25X1 5. [] Mr. James Kendall, Staff Director of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, contacted us with regard to a speech made by Secretary of Defense McNamara on 13 November. In this speech McNamara discusses certain aspects of the relative strength of U.S. and Soviet forces. Kendall said in a Subcommittee meeting in December some of the members expressed reservations with respect to these figures and asked the staff to ask CIA to review them for accuracy. I reminded Kendall that the Director will not become involved in comparisons of U.S. versus Soviet military strength. Kendall said he realized this but would like to have our reaction to the Soviet figures used in the speech. Kendall said he realized that this was a touchy question but asked if we would look into it and be in touch with him. I told him we would do so.

25X1 6. [] Talked with Robert Michaels who indicated Mr. Mahon was attempting to firm up plans for briefings of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations. Mahon was hoping the Director would be available on the 15th of January to give a briefing on the Soviet military posture. As in the past, at least one full day is contemplated and generally it will run into the second day. As a matter of information it was pointed out that the McNamara/Taylor briefings of this Subcommittee will not occur for about a month. The Director would be the lead-off witness for the Subcommittee. I indicated I would check into this and advise.

25X1 7. [] - JSW) Advised Marian Czarnecki that the Director did not feel it would be appropriate for him to appear before the Fawcett Subcommittee as requested by Czarnecki. I indicated to Czarnecki some of the reasons for this and by way of help indicated that if Mr. Fawcett felt it necessary we would be glad to discuss with Fawcett privately the specific procedures for coordination in this general area. Czarnecki thanked me and said he would talk further with Fawcett and be in touch.

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